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TAGS: PGOV, SA, IS
SUBJECT: SAUDI REACTION TO WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED SAUDI FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE DATED MARCH 20 REPLYING TO STATEMENTS OF ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AS REPORTED BY WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE OF FEBRUARY 16, 1978. EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF NOTE FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT (AFTER GREETINGS): THIS NOTE REFERS TO THE ARTICLE WHICH THE WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED ON FEBRUARY 16, 1978 ENTITLED "PRIME MINISTER MANAHEIM BEGIN DENOUNCES THE U.S. DECISION TO SELL MODERN MILITARY ARICRAFT TO BOTH EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA AS AN OBSTACLE TO PEACE TALKS" AND WHICH SAID THAT ISRAEL HAS LEARNED THAT SAUDI ARABIA PROMISED AN ARAB STATE TO PLACE SAUDI WEAPONS AT ITS DISPOSAL IN CASE OF ERUPTION OF WAR WITH ISRAEL.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA WISHES TO INFORM THE FRIENDLY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT THE ISRAELI INFORMATION IN THE REFERENCED ARTICLE IS UNTURE AND GROUNDLESS. IT IS MEANT TO DISTORT THE FACT THAT SAUDI ARABIA'S PURPOSE IN PURCHASING THE F-15 IS TO MEET ITS SELF-DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS.
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4. ALSO THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT WISHES TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT HAS NO INTENTION OF TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP OR POSSESSION OF THESE ARICRAFT TO ANY THIRD STATE. SAUDI ARABIA HAS AGREED ON AND IS COMMITTED TO THE NON-TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR POSSESSION OF THESE AIRCRAFT

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TO ANY THIRD STATE WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF AMERICAN ARMS SLAES AGREEMENTS. END TEXT.

5. EMBASSY RECEIVED THIS NOTE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 3. IT APPEARS THAT IT TOOK SAG ONE MONTH TO REPLY TO ARTICLE WHILE NOTE ITSELF TOOK TWO WEEKS TO MAKE ITS WAY FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY TO EMBASSY.
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